1	S.34
2	Introduced by Senator Chittenden
3	Referred to Committee on
4	Date:
5	Subject: Education; legal pupil; kindergarten age
6	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a
7	school district from denying kindergarten enrollment to a student who will
8	attain five years of age on or before January 1 next following the beginning of
9	a school year.
10	An act relating to kindergarten enrollment age
11	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
12	Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1073 is amended to read:
13	§ 1073. "LEGAL PUPIL" DEFINED; ACCESS TO SCHOOL
14	(a) Definition. "Legal pupil" means an individual who has attained the age
15	of five years of age on or before January 1 next following the beginning of the
16	school year. However, a school district may require that students admitted to
17	kindergarten have attained the age of five on or before any date between
18	August 31 and January 1.
19	(b) Access to school.

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1	(1) Right to a public education. No legal pupil attending school at
2	public expense, including a married, pregnant, or parenting student, shall be
3	deprived of or denied the opportunity to participate in or complete a public
4	school education.
5	(2) Right to enroll in a public or independent school. Notwithstanding
6	the provisions of sections 822 and 1075 of this title, a pregnant or parenting
7	student may enroll in any approved public school in Vermont or an adjacent
8	state, any approved independent school in Vermont, or any other educational
9	program approved by the State Board in which any other legal pupil in
10	Vermont may enroll.
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- 1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 <u>This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.</u>